



Dore Village Society

(Registered Charity number 1017051)

Year ended 31st December 2025

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Objectives and Activities

The Society's aims are to protect and enhance the local environment, amenities and facilities within Dore, to record its historic development, and to foster a strong sense of community.

A copy of the Constitution and a map of the Area of Benefit can be viewed at the Dore Village Society (DVS) office or online at www.dorevillage.co.uk under the "Dore Village Society" tab.

The Society is also the designated Neighbourhood Forum for the Dore area, with responsibility for preparing and maintaining the Dore Neighbourhood Plan.

Approximately one quarter of the Society's income is used to meet day-to-day running costs. In a typical year, the remainder is allocated to our ongoing commitments, including: the Dore Show; maintenance of the war memorial; Christmas trees and lights; the Lantern Parade; Party on the Green; support for the Dragon Hunt and other Heritage, Doreways and Archives Group activities; contributions to the Dore Festival and Fun Run; donations to local charities and voluntary groups; and production of *Dore to Door*.

Dore to Door, the Society's quarterly community magazine is delivered free of charge to every household in Dore by volunteers, to whom we are extremely grateful. Any surplus generated from advertising revenue is allocated to the Society's reserves. Editorial responsibilities continued to be shared, with Keith Shaw acting as editor and John Eastwood responsible for layout. At the end of 2025, John stepped down after 14 years in the role; the Society records its sincere thanks for his outstanding contribution. We are pleased to welcome Claire Shaw as layout editor and extend our thanks to both Claire and Keith for their continued work in producing an excellent community publication.

The Society organises the Dore Show through its sub-committee and supports the Doreways Group by funding its activities. More in Dore also operates as a sub-committee, focusing on fundraising to enhance facilities at the Recreation Ground. This year saw the addition of a trim trail to the playground. Other Society-supported events include Party on the Green, Wyvern Walkers, and the annual Wassail Walk.

All DVS-organised events ran smoothly during the year, including the Dore Show, Party on the Green, and the Lantern Parade. The Society also supported events organised by others, including the St George's Day Dragon Hunt and various Dore Festival activities. We extend our sincere thanks to the Dore Show sub-committee for delivering another successful show, to Caroline Davies and David Hayes for organising the Lantern Parade and Party on the Green, and to Jon Palmer and his team for sourcing and installing the Christmas trees and lights.

The Society has continued its work as a Neighbourhood Forum through the Forum's Steering Group which finalised a 'Green Infrastructure Appraisal of Dore's Green Belt' during 2025, successfully opposed two major damaging planning applications and engaged in national Planning Inspectors' Hearings on the City's draft new Plan. Work is ongoing to ensure that Dore's Neighbourhood Plan remains relevant and working and to

claim the village's portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy in respect of recent housing development in Dore.

The Society also continues to review all planning applications within Dore, with trustees making recommendations to the Executive Committee on those requiring formal comment to the City Council.

Significant work continues on the maintenance and expansion of the Society's archive and local history records. These remain a vital part of our activities and continue to grow as new material is collected and received.

It is planned to upgrade the Society's website in the coming year to revitalise the site, making it easier to update and navigate.

Expenditure beyond the areas outlined above supports the Society's wider constitutional responsibilities and enables us to respond to suggestions from Dore residents. All such expenditure is considered at regular committee meetings in accordance with the Society's Constitution and Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

At the end of the year, paid-up membership stood at 943, a small decrease on the year before. The Committee thanks all those who have supported the Society during the year, and in particular our Membership Secretary, Joan Davis, for her tireless work in collecting subscriptions, maintaining the membership database, and encouraging lapsed members to rejoin.

Financial Review

The Charity's financial position at the end of the year is in accordance with the budget and is considered to be satisfactory.

The Society has as its policy the aim to fund all of its regular running costs out of membership subscriptions, leaving other income sources to generate surpluses which can be used to build up specified reserves, make grants and donations and to carry out activities to the benefit of the community.

The Society holds specific reserves. The ongoing task of protecting our local environment, amenities and facilities occasionally highlights significant and expensive concerns. The Trustees have therefore specifically designated that £35,000 shall be kept in reserve to meet any planning and property issues and a further £20,000 for any major local projects. A review of the amounts needed in these reserves is carried out annually. The remaining balance of funds available for general use at the year-end stands at £32,238 which the Trustees consider to be sufficient for the Charity's needs.

The Charity's sources of funds during the year, and expense thereof, are set out in the Income and Expenditure Account and attached notes.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Dore Village Society is a Trust. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 4th February 1993. It is governed by its Constitution and is managed by its Trustees.

The Trustees are the members of the Dore Village Society Executive Committee, each of whom is appointed following nomination and vote at an Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancies during the year are filled at Trustees' discretion but have to stand for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

Executive Committee members are elected for a period of three years but outgoing members may be re-elected. The maximum period for which anyone shall serve shall be twelve years, but this does not have to be a continuous period.

A power of appointment of new Trustees is vested in the Executive Committee so that newly elected members of the Executive Committee, and members appointed to fill casual vacancies, can be formally appointed as Trustees.

The Executive Committee meets monthly from January to November inclusive.

The Society indemnifies the Trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

Membership of the Society is open to all who are interested in furthering the purposes of the Society, principally, but not restricted to, all residents of Dore, those who work in Dore and elected local council members for Dore. Membership is also open to corporate members representing societies, associations, educational institutions and businesses in Dore. Current membership rates are £10 per annum for individuals and £35 for corporate members.

The address for correspondence is The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield, S17 3GW.

Trustees who served in 2025

Trustee	Role
Jen Donnelly	Chair
Caroline Davies	Vice Chair, Events organiser, Noticeboards
Colin Robinson	Treasurer
Andy Challis	Secretary
Cath Fallaize	Assistant Treasurer
Christopher Pennell	Chairman of the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group, GIST
Margaret Pert	Environmental
Philip Howes	Planning
Julia Watkinson	Chair of the More in Dore sub-committee
David Bardsley	Asset Management
Andrew Cameron	Website

Co-opted member

Keith Shaw	Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group, Chairman of the Dore Show committee
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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above and have authorised us to sign it on their behalf.

Full names**Position****Signature**

Jen Donnelly

Chair

Colin Robinson

Treasurer